6/25/67

Dear Paul,

I respond hastily to your letter of 6/17, which arrived two days ago, because I'm writing again, the additions to COUP, someone is here, and I must leave for a few days.

First, microfilming. Let me tell you that story and what I will do. I did a radio show in Washington some months back, during the winter, after the N.O. trial. As a consequence I got a phone call from a man in his 70s who has a microfilming business. He wanted to help. He offered to make microfilms of my limited editions. He also wanted to take me to lunch at the press club, etc. On the few occasions I have been to Washington I've not been certain of when it would be in sufficient time to make a date in advance or I've scheduled so much there was no time, for he is far into the suburbs in the opposite direction from that in which I live.

However, Bud had a copy of COUP and I needed more copies. He said he'd pick it up at Bud's office and did, precisely when he said he would. Then there were phone calls on it. He feared some of the xeroxing was too pale, etc. Finally he said he'd try it. After several weeks I got hold of him and he said he thought it had been done. A week later he said it had been and he'd leave it off at Bud's office. Several weeks after that I was in Bud's office, when he was away, and no one could find it. On his return from the trip Bud stopped off briefly. I asked him about it and he said it was news to him, that he was unaware of its delivery. I believe it may well have been and the one who received it never told Bud or the secretary.

Meanwhile, the last time I phoned him, the day he said it was done and he'd deliver it. he had someone in his office to whom he said he had just mentioned my work. He put this man on the phone after intriducing him, a retired Admiral Halmstrom. They are close friends. The Admiral knew, he told me, over the phone, that the White House phone was bugged by the military, that he had seen the transcripts of the first calls when Johnson came back from that day in Dallas, and he had phoned "certain parties" in New York and said, "Don't kill me; I'm your boy". Who are the certain parties? The "international bankers" of traditional anti-Semitism. He was going to be in touch with me again and tell me more, but in three-four weeks I have heard nothing.

The combination of the long delay, in which I have yet to get the copies made, and this friend, make be feel that before I ask him to do this microfilming (of which I wrote you about when I first heard from him) I'd better find time to go see him. My only concern is the loss of the film, for that we have it is known, as is its content. However, if you have no such fears (and they are probably without warrant), send me what you'd like copied now and let what you want to get wait until I see him. When I have this/these rolls, I'll go see him. My schedule or work is such it will not be this week, probably not next. I will want to finish and read the additions to COUP (six chapters done).

Name index: after mentioning the cutoff to you, I got another report indicating it may not have happened or not immediately. I enclose both, from PC 16. I also have a little on the classifications. I do not copy them needlessly becuse the machine needs repair and the copies are very poor. They are not asxfgxx good as the enclosed and may not be legible anyway. However, if you'd care to tell me your interest, if it is anything but cutting of the indexing, I'll let you know what else I have or send it as soon as I can after I return from this brief trip.

Microfilming again: your basic assumption, based on the availability of cheap microfilming is correct and the possibilities are exciting if the guy

will do as he says. Where documents are pale, he has indicated he cannot do good work. I do not know about selected frames. I suspect that if he is still agreeable he will not cotton to what would require extra labor or time. Do you pay the 5¢ wholesale cost, or more? You mention GAI-CIA, SS and SS. If the cost of duplicating out there is not great and I cannot get himnto make them here, I'd like copies. However, there are two with but 279 pages. If you'd care to send them, I can have them for the first time I am in Washington. I'd slike copies and if I'd have to pay him, it would still be cheaper than Archives. I have some of them. As you recall, I asked Hal and Gary to check these and the FBI file (or is it GAI-FBI from which I have some pages?) I have no reason to believe that either, sharp as both are, missed anything, but there is always the chance and there is the further chance that one page may have a meaning to me it doesn't to others or than perhaps one page that fits with something I have seen may be worth it. I agree with you on GAI-FBI, CDs 114-5?

I think that what would be helpful,nif you now have the time, is to write me a separate memo with just the questions you have, especially if all are not in this letter, with a carbon, and I can take a cipy to him, for I suspect he is the businessmen, not the techinican in the business. He can them get the answers from his foreman or whoever does the work. He does much government businesso andthis may account for the seeming cooling off after the initial emotional reaction, but we should try it. If you do this, do it in terms of his real cooperation and what, as the maximum we would want. We can always compromise, if it is more than he is willing to do. Also, if you can, give me the details on selected frames, such as how they could be picked out if they are not numbered. If we can do this, it would be better if I could pick the film up at the Archives. But if you tell them in advance that I'll do it, they'll take months to get it done. For example, I have no responses to any letters to which I have not sent you copies. ...I suppose I do need negative film, but that also I should ask. I think if we do not have negatives he'd have to make it. Conversely, if we get negative and get printouts, would you want him to make a positive? This is but one of the things I meant by taking the time for a comprehensive memo for me. It will involve slight cost and perhaps four-five hours of additional time to get to see him, so when I do, I'd like to be able to go into everything at once. If I think of other things as I write, I'll add them, for some have already escaped my mind.

I do not recall Jack Holford, and I have a strong recollection of seeing Holean at night, late, when I was copying that file. I must have been wrong, but that name is firmly imprinted on my mind. Which reminds me, I have had confirmation of part of the incredible story so much of which that I tested did check out from Moo a week ago. They apparently have located the precise spot at which the third of the four camps I established existence of was. He regards it as extremely confidential, so do not tell anyone. He was unwilling to tell me anything by phone (they are <u>not</u> working on it) and did convey to me what he wanted me to know, the essence, in ellipsis that no one else would have understood, by telling me what I did on a certain day. I could pinpoint that particular things, so I could understand. This brings me to a question I'll go into, our psrsonal security, so I ask you to not mention Holean to anyone to whom you have not mentioned it. If my suspicion is correct, no one should know. You people out there are dealing with at the very least a public-address system and I hear it on this coast.

I'd like a copy of the SD Security Office checkout sheet on Oswald from CD 1114 for several reasons. I once worked there, and seeing it may trigger things. My understanding of the bureaucracy from that time tells me that Otepka's normal function did not require him to have seen that file. It does not mean that O himself had interest, but it does mean that the request came from him or in his name. It may also mean he was getting it for others.

I do not mean in his office. On him, and again, tell no one save Jim, with the injunction he is to tell no one, I have an interest and I have some information you should know. One of the men with whom he has had a close relationship has very close relationships with two fascists of some means who have made financial contributions to the American Nazi Party. There must be no mention because some of your leaks out there have reached my original sources with some immediate reaction and shutting-up, which is serious. I got this in confidence and do not disclose the source(s) to you since there is no need to know. It is solid information. I do not suggest this means O has personal connections with the Nazis.

In general outlines, I do not dispute your comment on Lattimer. However, because his work was so dishonest to begin with, it is still wrong. He did not compute the weight of one fragment where computation was possible. I have had it done. He also omitted the metal lost in the barrel in firing, which would have been, I believe, about 25 % of the total estimated loss, in most rifles. It varies from rifle to rifle. He did not include all the X-rays show. He did not include, for example, what I have in WW from Shires, the metal in the chest (and this could not be estimated without the most precise reading of the X-rays and X-rays from three projections at the least, which may not have been made. I have spoken to enough doctors not to share your opinion of the value of the medical estimates. I think an experienced man can give an accurate estimate, and all the doctors agreed on this. I have nothing but contemps for Lattimer. He has not accepted my offer of a critical analysis of his work (so I've not made it). If you saw the evidence I have on 399 and understand he studied it, in person, you'd know he has to be of thoroughly professional incompetence or totally dishonest. The haste with which he wrote his first piece and its content, as I recall that writing, brand him to me as no more than a sycophant.

I'd like to see Greetings but dount it will be shown here. Surprising the distribution it is getting. A friend just saw it in the midwest.

The answer to the question on the panel doctors is to be repeated to no one at all. It is affirmative. Limited but sensational.

On the bullet in the chamber, as I recall it, the other sources are the testimony of Day and Fritz. To me the significance is not how many bullets were fired but that there was none in the clip and one in the chamber and the clip is in place. The rifle is designed for the clip to fall out the instant there is no bullet in the clip. I have movies and still so it happening. This almost certainly means it was planted. A defective clip might account for it, as could what there is no evidence of, an excess of grease.

I have not seen Reid's book.

Hoover's 11/25/66 statement: My only copy of his release is marked up. I presume you have only the press copies, which I also have. I intend publication of it in facsimile, if I can, with commentary.

I'll check out your suggestions when I've time, re Knack, tie nick. Thanks. To me the essence is that it was not a hole. With a penetrating, rather, transiting hole, the story is fiction. I have a hunch it was from a scalpel, not a bullet. NO T-2, is it that there was no other info from this source? Only the Daily Worker? Clear it involves the mail cover, but can it be nothing else?

Investigatory files: I have it , in writing, that there is none current, which confirms you. But with your interpretation and the fact it

was used by Commission, I think invocation unwarranted except in terms of ongoing, urgent investigation. Would you renew your requests for Oswald material of last July, with a copy to me, for ultimate use? Also reply, if and when received? There is no doubt in my mind that the address 544 was deliberately hidden and that the real reason for their action today has nothing to do with investigatory-report possible status. You do not know the relationship between NO FBI agents and that address. Especially with Regis Kennedy was it close. Also deBrueys at the meetings, etc. deBrueys certainly knew the significance. Kennedy was there almost daily. Undoubtedly Logan knew. He seems also to have attended CIA-front type Cuban meetings. He was fluent in Spanish (deBrueys also).

My 5/29: If the WC didn't get Kaack report from FBI, is it not much more interesting?

Kenny is nowhere named. I regard the Finck N.O. testimony as quite significant. I think, without getting out file, that John's point is that the autopsy would not have met the requirements in any court and that it was conducted to meet these requirements. There is an enormous legal difference between the cause of death and what caused the death, thelatter being the purpose of the autopsy, especially in a murder case. You may recall my interest in this part of the Sibert-O'Neill report and my early ~~comment~~ comment about Epstein not understanding it and taking the edge off attention to it. This is one of a number of things in it he did not understand. I find it difficult to believe S-O'N just forgot Kerney.

OM III: I do not plan major revisions, but if it ever become possible to get printed, I can make chnages. Those that alter page length are real trouble. I also plan an added chapter onthe DC trial and an appendix in addition to what is there, so, if and when you have the free time, if you have the notes, I would still like your minor disagreements. However, I want no distribution to any of the critics for I have given copies to those I want to have it. I have serious problems here I have not been able to persuade you people out there are at least serious to me, and hurtful, and I think in the end will be to all of us. I dn not want any use made of its content at all. I also plan possible uses I want to control tightly aside from publication. I cannot now explain them all. You are undoubtedly right about the literary improvement that could be made, but I wrote that as I went along in my work and had to get it done before the trial so I could be prepared for that.

Credit: you did, specifically, ask that I remove two or three references and I did but didn't want to. There are reasons why I prefer to include them, aside from the fact I regard it as right and proper. I have been so intent on doing this in thepast that on one occasion I got two switched. There is, for example, a future for wich I regard them as potentially important to others, now unknown, who may do work in the field. I recongize the walidity of Jim's objection. I honor his wishes. Glad to understand your personal feelings. Will understand better for future writing, where this will come up again.

Yes, we do agree on DC trial transcripts, <u>some of</u> JG's files. There has been much abuse of latter. I have already prepared for inclusion in RMII appendix all important testimony. I am waiting for access to p.m. session, where there was no evidence but where the arguments, I think, are quite significant. I cannot afford to buy copies now but eventually all the important parts will be in the appendix. So, it will be available to all of us and in the Library of Congress and a few institutions who are making copies (xerox).

Interested in answer to your Odum 1-CE 237. Good letter. I will have great interest in anything on Oswald's wrists for AGENT OSWALD. It can be interpreted other than as you did, as in making identification of the real Oswald as distinguished from counterfeits. I'd like that Helms to WBT 2/18/64.

I think that if Gary gives you any of the JG files, and you can have access to any of mine, you should not let any copies be made, not let any word on their content to out to others, especially not to Lifton and those close to him. There is little good that can come from doing this, little that is even possible, and much harm. Very much. If you want explanations, ask, but please take my word for the moment. Things are going on you do not understand. I do not completely but I do have measureable consequences.

Pictures of Oswald's wrists were available. I could not now immediately lay my hands on this, for it is in part of my files I have not yet reorganized, but the Commission did subpena all the autopsy pictures. That had to include the wrists. Or, there were no scars. They are not on two sets of body charts. But the second page of the report notes two small scars, one on each wrist, as I recall.

On Fred's work, we are in accord. I got further than last train, and I also have not seen his slides. I have had enough personal experience with him to begin with the greatest skepticism, not from any belief it is his desire to be wrong but from knowing what he thinks and finding it entirely irrational and unreasonable and from knowing he confabulates. Many of the things you have I called to his attention personally before he did what you comment on, if my recollection is not in error. I also know he is not truthful, regularly, for whatever reason. I am willing to believe it is not deliberate, but does this make any difference? Where he is most impressive, on the rifle-Oswald pictures, he had missed the obvious and the most significant and irrefutable.

It is awkward to go into the question of security and to repeat what I have already written when it cannot be agreeable to receive it (there is nothing personal here). But there are things I have asked not to get out that do, and it is not just one case. They get out to Lifton, and I could not have been more specific about this. Whoever did it knew my strong feeling about him and, in part - but only in part - why. At this point I am going to omit my reasons for wanting nothing I send ever to get to him. I have gone into some before. It should be enough to assure you, as I have and can prove, that he has mounted an enormous campaign against me. He has become selective in it following my taking you advice and speaking to him when last I was there. On that occasion, having seen some of his memos he was careful not to send to me, then promised so I could respond and didn't, I was able to establish even to him that he was wrong. The one place he didn't budge was Reseda, and there there is no possibility of any doubt. I have avoided this. The only recent reference is in response to specific inquiry. But, I have sent Gary a copy of my Reseda file and I think he will assure you that there is no possibility that Dave was accident-prone in what he has said and written. It is, without exception, opposite to the truth and establish fact, since there was correspondence. The effect of this on those who got it (and they were numerous) was very bad, for they did not, in most cases, ask me about it. It was poisonous. If you have any doubt about this, please ask Gary for his impartial opinion or, if you really believe it necessary, borrow the copies of the letters I sent him, for he has the whole Reseda file. This is but one of the things, of which there are many, but it is so clear and so overwhleming that it become necessary to wonder why Dave is capable of such outrageous and completely fabircated libels and for what purpose. The results have been measureable. Now, when you consider that the net result was the cancellation of the one time Lieteler had agreed, in writing, to a format on which he could not filibuster and had agreed to be only responsive and with tapes provided, without restriction, to both of us, I think one purpose Dave could have been serving is obvious. This is not essential-I throw it in. The central things is the unrelieved, total dishonest of what he did. Not a single aspect could have been accidental. However, then it is necessary to wonder about trusting a man who can make such accidents.

I have made no effort to find out all that he and Fred and others are up to, for there is little I can do about it and little I would if I could. There is and has been too much of this. I am entirely in sympathy with preserving integrity on and of our side but not with idle defamations and deliberately cutting of cooperation, which is what here is directly involved and happened. The effect on work has been very bad, for people have turned off. A rather impressive number.

With respect to my work, most position is different than that of anyone else because it is financially so precarious. The only possibility I have of emerging from this in other than a state of permanent bankruptcy if from being permitted the opportunity of using my own work. This is very important to me for this reason. However, it is also important for many others. For example, sometimes if it is understood what I am driving at relevant things become unavailable. In cases that have happened, it results in false but effective moves by the other side. I can be specific about this. It has happened, and not just once. I am in contact with people, some of which you know from what I send you. I also intend use of some of my material in this way. When there is injudicious use of my material by others who have no business using it and in this case even knowing about it, the result can be of vast significance. One thing Mark did once turned off a Kennedy man who was considering filing suits for me. Can you appreciate the impact this would have had. I mean he turned off. From taking me out he ended all intercourse.

For the most part, I can recall who I let know what. Some of this involves other people who must be protected. One thing that long ago get to Dave in reasonable accurate form was some of my unused Thornley material. I have never had Garrison's interest in Thornley. Mine is my own and different. Those I let see this were under the strictest injunction not to mention it to Dave in partocular and anyone in general. So, someone did, and I regret I can pretty much pinpoint it. Now he is up to some special mischief and it involves something I sent to only two people, of whom you are one. I do not for one minute believe you would do other than I have asked of you. If we can, as I am entirely without doubt, eliminate the only other perosn to whom I sent this material, then it has to be one of the people you let see it.

People are entitled to have their own opinions od Dave and their own relationships. There is no reason anyone has to accept my evaluation, although I think there is every reason it should be considered. When everyone knows what he has been doing to me of those involved, I think there on this basis alone is ample reason for him not to see anything of mine. However, I have been very pointed, about him and generally, and I think my wishes should not have been so openly and persistently ignored. The potential is great harm. Is it not obvious that is there is only the chance it should not be risked? Now this latest case comes recently, long after my strong letter to Hal that it so hurt me to write. The specific thing has nothing to do with Thornley. I avoid pinpointing it. It is based upon actual knowledge but is erroneous and mischevious and the efforts he has made with it are consistent with evil intent only.

I add to this his ample knowledge of my unpublished material are his full and to others if not to you demonstrated capacity for using it and I am apprehensive. I am more apprehensive about his potential for misusing it. Those things he has told me he has written absolutely terrify me. They are simply incredible and will do us incalculable harm if they ever get out.

Gary is one of those to whom he has written and spoken and Gary has now had personal experiences, aside from me and what has been imputed to me. I think this is now serious enough to suggest you solicit his appraisal of what I have here said, which, please believe me, is only part of it.

I presume that Fred is doing and has done those things I regard as evil and certainly are both wrong and false under Dave's influence. Dave has organized a real campaign, has quoted and involve a number of people in it! There can be no good purpose in such things. He is very busily engaged in making deliberate efforts to learn what I have and in some cases that come back to me has succeeded. I think it is morally wrong for him to be doing this when he has not asked me for it. There might be some of these things I would have let him have. There are more that I would not. He is quite adept at it, too, using skills that could better have been developed for other ends. There remains the most viable reasons to suspect his connections. There remains no doubt about his motives and intent: they are for hurt andhe does not disguise it to some people. He does to those he has reason to think might be unsymapthetic. Here also he is wily and makes few mistake. But he has made some else I'd not know as much as I do.

I do not know what he has sent Gary for Gary has bot told me. But in answering some questions Gary has asked me there is so much that needs no explanations. It is transparent. For the longest time I tried to ignore and discourage this but that, for what has eventauted, has become impossible. I think Gary will tell you that of those things he has asked me, involving mostly Dave but also a number of others, partocularly Fred, those things that are suspeptible of proof in all but two of many cases I have given him copies of my correspondnee of all the people involved that eliminate any possibility they were right or even decently motivated. In those cases I have given him more than enough to persaude any reasonable person that they cannot be right. Dave is in every case 100% wrong. These two things, one of which is personal, are the kind on which it happens there is no written record that is direct. There is, I feel and I believe Gary does, more than enough to show deliberate misrepresentation by the others and my innocence of the basc accusations. One one there is little a decent man can or should say but the nature of a relationship that continued long after the alleged offense is contradictory to the accusation, which is exactly opposite the reality and I can say no more of this particular thing.

This has grown too long and the young man who has come here paid me the high honor of electing to be married here. I must end and prepare for his joy. I tell you frankly I believ Hal is continuing to interpose his judgement over mine and also that I do not thing he intends to hur t me. I am not interested in the paving of the road to hell. I just do not know what to do about it. The last thing I went to do is not send you all that I do. I think it is urgent that we have this kind of relationship, but also that it be in mutual repsect of the wishes of each partner. Hal has failed to repsond as he wrote he would to my lengthy letters on this, and it has been so many months. And I believe that in spite of this he has continued to do exactly that which I asked him not to. At least one thing of possibly and I think probably urgent importance that only you, Gary, Hal of Jim could have given Dave has come back to me from him. On this there are no other possibilities. One many others there are not probabikities and only one other possibility. All are after my writing to Hal about what he did in LA, or at least came to me after that. Now, Dave is quoting Hal inconfirmation of his slanders of me. I point out what I would think relevant, that Hal has asked me no questions. I also acknowledge Dave is a liar and can be misrepresenting. I wish I could afford to hone Hal, but I just cannot. I regard his promise to make meaningful and direct response not kept as significant. I am not accusing Hal of anything. I am merely pointing out that from what I know he is being and has been indiscrete. Incidently, from the specific case above it is also clear that Dave's source in all likelihood did not have a copy of what I sent in his possession. I am sending Gary a copy of this, only him. I hate to raise this sort of thing but I do, for what I reard as substantial reason and urgent necessity and I would appreciate any thoughts you have about the possible source or sources and how, in the future, this can be stopped. Sorry about the typos. Gotta run. If you have any questions, please aske them. Make them direct if you want. Best,